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TAGS: PFOR, BG, UK

SUBJECT: BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN NEGOTIATIONS: MUJIB

REQUEST FOR BRITISH HELP

1. ACCORDING TO FCO'S CHALMERS, LETTER FROM MUJIB FOR WILSON ARRIVED IN LONDON ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. BENGALÉE HICOMER SULTAN HAS INSISTED HE PRESENTED IT PERSONALLY TO WILSON. DUE TO LATTER'S VACATION, ACTIVITY ON DOMESTIC FRONT, ETC., NO TIME HAS YET BEEN FOUND FOR SULTAN. HE IS STILL WAITING.

2. MEANWHILE, SULTAN AGREED TO FCO SUGGESTION THAT HE SHOW A COPY TO THEM. LETTER REQUESTS HMG ASSISTANCE IN
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GINNING UP THE PAKISTANIS TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON BI-

LATERAL ISSUES. WHILE BIHARIS ARE MENTIONED, MAIN EMPHASIS IS ON DISTRIBUTION OF FORMER ASSETS. LETTER ARGUES AT SOME LENGTH THE JUSTICE AND NECESSITY OF PERSUADING PAKS TO DISTRIBUTE PREWAR ASSETS ALONG POPULATION LINES (I.E. MAJOR PART TO BANGLADESH).

3. WHILE REQUEST HAS NOT EVEN BEEN OFFICIALLY DELIVERED YET, CHALMERS OPINES THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF HMG GETTING INTO THE MIDDLE OF THAT ONE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO UK-PAKISTANI DISCUSSIONS OF THIS MATTER, AND NONE ARE PLANNED.

4. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, CHALMERS DEPLORED TO US RECENT BANGLADESH READINESS TO ACCEPT ECONOMIC AID PROFFERED BY PAKISTAN, BUT TO AVOID ALL PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE OFFER.
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